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ICIS Working Group

Pictured above from left to right, top row: Glenn Komiyama, Ed Sugawara, Max Otani, Leanne Gillespie, second row: Joan Sakaba, Sandra Labuguen, Dr. Timothy Wong, Wendell Murakawa, Zach Higa, Cheryl Inouye, third row: Dr. Victor Yee, Miki McGarvey, Ernest Delima, Cheryl Marlow, Rhonda Sasaki, Lari Koga

(Members not pictured: Dr. Janet Davidson, Eva Kishimoto, Sid Nakamoto, Janice Yamada)

What is ICIS?

The Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) was formed by Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon in a cooperative interagency agreement between the Judiciary, Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, and the State Attorney General in 2002.

Aloha and Mahalo, Wendell Murakawa! *by the Honorable Steven S. Alm*

The Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions is a shared vision and commitment to improve Hawaii's criminal justice system. This effort requires the active participation of the key stakeholders to change the way their agencies do business to be more effective, both individually and in concert with the other stakeholders.

One of the key members of that effort over the years has been Wendell Murakawa. As head of the Intake Service Centers statewide, Wendell has overseen the effort to make that part of the system, where offenders are first supervised, an integral part of both effectively supervising the offenders while at the same time trying to positively effect changes in their behavior.

Enlightened corrections thinking holds that the time to start thinking about a defendant's release from the system is their first day in the system, and Wendell approaches his work with that orientation. He is very knowledgeable about all stages of the system, from corrections to the legislative process, and he has been a very valuable partner in assisting the work of the Interagency Council in many ways, including his creative work on various committees and locating funding to assist with training.

Wendell's competent, cooperative and helpful attitude is what public service is all about, and from all of the ICIS partners, we want to send Wendell a big Mahalo on his retirement for all his contributions over the years.

HOPE Probation Receives Special Merit Citation Award, *by the Honorable Steven S. Alm*

On December 6, 2007, the Hawaii Chapter of the American Judicature Society presented its Special Merit Citation Award to HOPE Probation. In presenting the Award, Supreme Court Justice Simeon R. Acoba, quoting from the Award citation, said that "the American Judicature Society salutes the HOPE Probation Project for truly accomplishing its mission to improve the administration of justice and is proud to honor the project with this Special Merit Citation."

HOPE Probation is truly a collaborative effort of all of the criminal justice partners coming together to hold offenders accountable and increase respect for the criminal justice system. It is a win for offenders, their families, and the taxpayers of Hawai'i, and the efforts of the members of the Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions make it all possible.

Decrease in Recidivism Among HOPE Probationers, *by Paul Perrone Chief of Research and Statistics, Department of the Attorney General*

The outcomes of the HOPE Probation efforts have been carefully tracked for over three years, and the statistics are both impressive and consistent across probationer types (high intensity, DV, felons,

misdemeanants, etc.); courts (circuit and district); and individual judges – the rate of HOPE probationers’ positive urinalyses and missed appointments with their probation officers have decreased by 80+ percent, and recidivism rates have dropped by approximately 50 percent.

CARE- Creating A Responsive Environment

for Women and Families, *Article written by Wendy Hudson, Deputy Public Defender and reprinted here with permission of the Maui News*

CARE in Maui County is an interagency collaboration with the communities of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai to improve criminal justice responses and outcomes for women and their families. The group is made up of dedicated professionals who work together monthly to develop policies and practices that will improve outcomes (i.e. slow or eliminate recidivism, provide connection to needed community services, provide job training and education, etc.) for women pre-trial and/or sentenced offenders under community supervision.

The group began in November of 2000, when policy makers from various criminal justice and human services agencies throughout the state attended the Hawaii Symposium on Female Offenders, held on Kauai. In October of 2001, the Department of Public Safety, Maui Branch, was one of only three jurisdictions selected for a two-year technical assistance grant from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) to assist jurisdictions to develop effective policy and practice to increase the success of women defendants and/or offenders under community supervision. Jurisdictions were expected to convene an interagency, interdisciplinary team to address the unique issues and problems of women defendants. The Maui CARE group formed and began meeting in November 2001.

With the help of a NIC consultant, CARE brought community agencies together to heighten awareness of issues specific to women offenders and it also began groundbreaking efforts to properly address these issues. The team began “mapping” the criminal justice agencies and their operations as they impact women offenders. Later, the team focused on increasing awareness and knowledge of gender specific issues within the criminal justice system as well as in our community.

CARE also surmised that issues such as homelessness, methamphetamine use, transportation, employment, mental health, education, domestic violence, health and childcare were known at least anecdotally, to cause women to end up in the criminal justice system. CARE hoped to figure out a way to see if those areas really were factors contributing to women becoming a part of the criminal justice system. CARE wondered if those certain areas in female offenders’ lives were improved, if it would make them less likely to recidivate or less likely to end up back in the criminal justice system.

Eventually, a Provider/Community Group was formed and informational “COFFEE HOUR” meetings are held the second Friday of each month to

update the group on the activities of the CARE team as well as to have community agencies explain their functions to the other agencies. This helps to build relationships and foster understanding between the groups. The next COFFEE HOUR is set for February 8, 2008 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the MEO classroom and Aloha House will be the guest agency. Everyone is welcome to attend. Past agencies have included: DHS -Med quest, Neighborhood Place of Wailuku, Maui Family Support services, Child and Family Service, and Adult Mental Health Division among others. In fact, February 8, 2008 marks the first anniversary of the COFFEE HOUR program. Although the NIC funding was exhausted in 2004, CARE has continued meeting regularly to complete the projects and initiatives that were originally conceived with the help of the NIC consultant.

One of the major endeavors CARE undertook was to participate in a two-part long-term research project involving women offenders. Dr. Patricia VanVoorhis of the University of Cincinnati was contracted to lead the project. One part of the study involved collecting demographic and descriptive data of Maui female offenders to better understand their needs. The second part involved the use of an assessment tool already used in the criminal justice system called the Level of Service Inventory Revised (LSI-R). Over 200 Maui women participated in the study. Maui Intake Services, Maui Branch of the Department of Health, Maui Adult Client Services and the Maui Office of the Hawaii Paroling Authority participated in data collection, which included a supplemental questionnaire to identify risk factors that can predict recidivism. It took nearly two years to collect the needed data from Maui and two other jurisdictions. Dr. VanVoorhis' final study showed that poverty, homelessness, lack of education, lack of job skills, antisocial associates, stress arising from family situations and low self-esteem predicted recidivism.

The results of Dr. VanVoorhis' study do indeed give credence to the main issues CARE identified that women faced as a result of being involved in the criminal justice system. On a policy level, Maui and the entire state, need to develop strategies that focus on those issues if they hope to improve the outcomes of women in the criminal justice system. CARE hopes that community providers will include and provide more gender responsive programs if they aren't doing so already. CARE is currently providing Dr. Voorhis' final study report to key lawmakers, community groups and others in the hopes of changing current policy in the favor of programs and approaches outlined in her study.

Wendy Hudson is the Supervising Attorney of the Maui Office of the Public Defender. She joined the Office in 1999. She enjoys upholding the Constitution and says of her clients, "*Their* rights are *our* rights."

Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender (CASOM) Training Held in December, *by Leanne Gillespie, SOMT Coordinator*



Take a look at that training manual!

**back row from left: Dr. Mel Villalon and Dr. Greg Turnbull, both private vendors
front row from left: Dr. Barry Coyne, Liesje Cattaneo, Cheryl Inouye**

The Sex Offender Management Team held its first training under their BJA Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender (CASOM) Training Grant (2007-WP-BX-0001) on December 3-10, 2007. Three 2-day training sessions were held on evidence-based practices in adult sex offender assessment, more specifically, how to score and interpret the Static-99, Stable-2007 and Acute-2007. Dr. Dana Anderson, Psy. D. from Ontario Canada gave this training to 91 statewide state government and private vendors working in the field of adult sex offender evaluation, treatment and supervision. Those who completed training received a Certificate of Completion and are a specialized group on individuals that are authorized to score the Stable-2007. For a complete list of individuals who were trained and are authorized to score the Stable-2007 (which is the only instrument that requires training from a certified trainer), please email Leanne Gillespie at leanne.n.gillespie@hawaii.gov. On-line versions of all three instruments are available on the Council's web-enabled system, Cызap. During Dr. Anderson's training, Leanne Gillespie gave a training on the use of these on-line versions and their implementation statewide. Leanne will give a follow-up training to supervision personnel on January 31, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the multipurpose room at Adult Client Services. Full implementation of the use of these instruments will take effect February 1, 2008.

SOMT wishes to congratulate all of the trainees for completing this very intense two-day training. Great job!



After a week of horrible storms, Dr. Anderson learns how to surf at Diamond Head beach. Despite a very rough ocean, she was able to stand up on the board and actually surf. Way to go!

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)

The funding for the dedicated CBT trainers ended on December 31st. In the spirit of the New Year, here's a look back at some of the accomplishments of 2007 that have occurred as a direct result of the collaborative efforts of ICIS and the training committee:

- 63 JUD, HPA, and PSD supervision staff have been trained in CBT and Case Planning
- 70 intake/pre-sentence staff have been introduced to the basic concepts of CBT in an abbreviated training
- Sups and staff participated in 14 booster workshops on CBT and Case Planning to gain more practical experience and a deeper understanding of the application of CBT
- Approximately 94% of the supervisors passed all three CBT Benchmarks set forth by the ICIS training committee by the allotted deadlines

As we head into 2008 and all the challenges that are still ahead of us, let us find renewed energy in remembering the progress we have already made.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Research Corner:

Research Update, by Dr. Timothy Wong

On behalf of the ICIS Research Subcommittee, I would like to wish everyone a very happy new year. Much aloha and thanks go out to all probation and parole officers for their continued diligence and support of the ICIS research efforts. The number of criminogenic assessments administered in 2007 was exceptional. In the 2007 calendar year, POs administered over 14,000 LSI-R, ASUS, or STATIC99 assessments to 6,234 offenders, of which 2,982 were new offenders who received their first LSI-R. I am hopeful that this effort will continue into the 2008 year.

The ICIS Research team has been quite busy over the past year, compiling and generating several statistical reports for the Judiciary, and the Department of Public Safety-Hawaii Parole Authority. For your convenience, these recently released 2007 reports can be found and downloaded via the ICIS Web Site (hawaii.gov/icis). They include the (1) DVSI and SARA reports; (2) LSI-R and ASUS FY04 - 06 Primary and County Supplement Reports; (3) Department of Public Safety Risk Classification and FY 05 - 06 Parole Reports; and the (4) LSI-R and ASUS Implementation Scorecards. In the 2008 calendar year, ICIS Research is anticipating the completion of several research studies and reports. They include the (1) Department of Labor Grant - Cognitive Behavioral Training (CBT) Evaluation; (2) DVSI and SARA Recidivism Study; (3) LSI-R and ASUS Validation Study; and (4) Gap Analysis Study.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at Ph # 587-6399, or by email timothy.i.wong@hawaii.gov.

Best Wishes

Timothy Wong
ICIS Research Analyst

Upcoming ICIS Events:

- The Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) will be conducting LSI-R training on March 5-7, 2008 and Motivational Interviewing training on March 13-14, 2008 and June 5-6, 2008. All sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at:
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Henke Hall Room 109
1800 East West Center Road

LSI-R, T for T training will be conducted in April of 2008.

- ICIS working group meetings will be held on February 28, and March 27, 2008.

The next quarterly ICIS Newsletter will be published in April, 2008.